

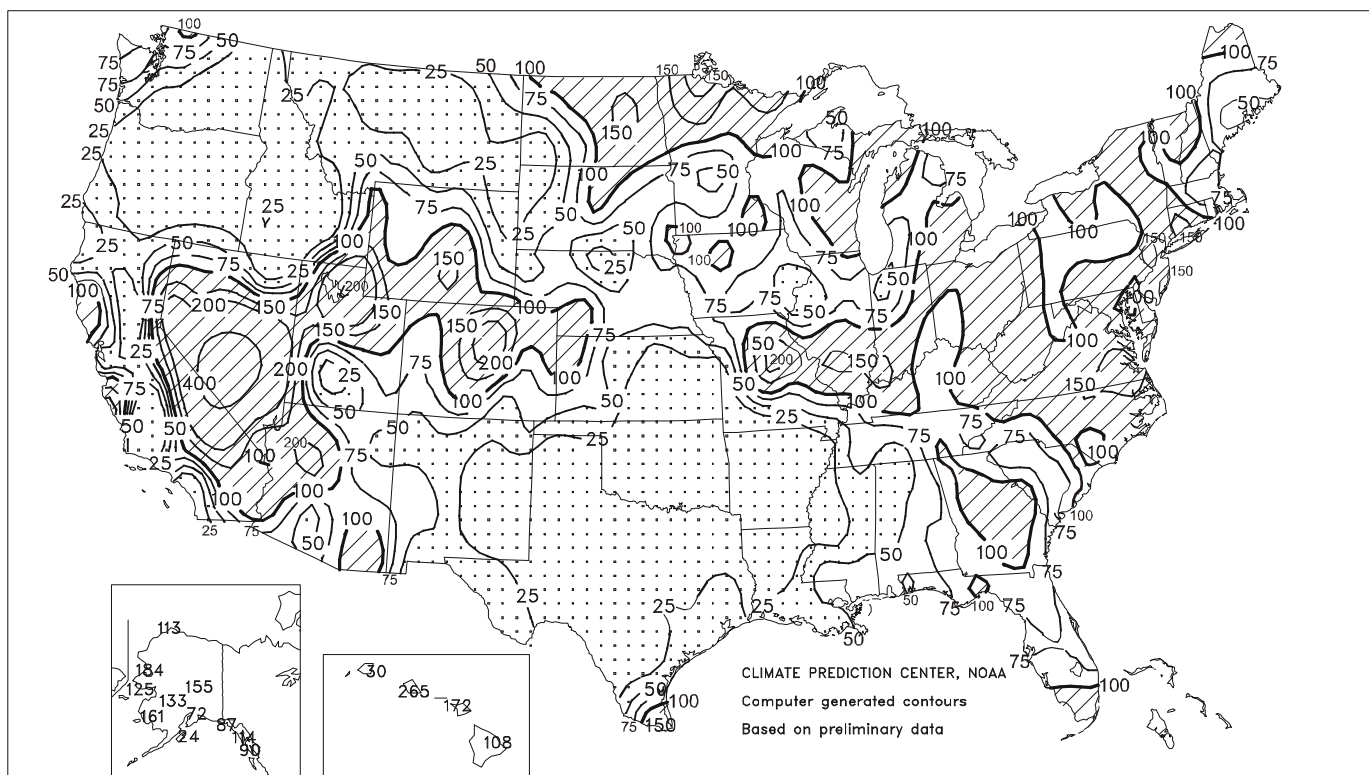
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HIGHLIGHTS

August 27 - September 2, 2000

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Record-setting heat and extreme dryness gripped areas from the **central and southern Plains** to the **lower Mississippi Valley**, pushing weekly temperatures 6 to 16°F above normal and severely stressing pastures and immature summer crops. All-time-record-setting temperatures topped 110°F in a few locations. Meanwhile in the **Corn Belt**, where temperatures averaged generally 4 to 12°F above normal, the hottest weather of the year resulted in readings near 100°F across western areas. The **Midwestern** heat stressed filling corn and soybeans, but favored fieldwork and hastened summer crop maturation. On the **Plains**, hot, dry conditions promoted winter wheat planting preparations

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